The meeting was called to order by Jeff Beitel at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Jim Salvas, Lane Randall, Glen Sweet, Eric Miller, Chantale Fieldhouse, Pat Loew, Holly Brown, Eric Lorgus, Rick Ammons and Veronica Balassone.

--Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written and entered into the record.

--In Treasurer Linda Scott’s absence, Jeff gave the Treasurer’s Report. On the Statement of Financial Position the checking account balance is $34,155. All receivables are paid to date. The accounts receivable negative balance reflects all the prepaid memberships that will become effective on July 1st. There are no outstanding payables. Jeff has checks totaling over $5,000 which include a bench purchase and summer concert sponsorships that will soon be deposited. On the Statement of Activities sponsorships for Music at Marshall summer concerts total $4,200 to date. Last year at this time sponsorships had totaled $4,000. It was reviewed again that changing the membership terms to begin on July 1st has incorporated half of 2018 membership dues into first half 2019 dues. In future all dues will be adjusted in this manner (half in current year, half in following year). Glen Sweet added that the billing dates will be correspondingly adjusted in Wild Apricot. The Statement of Activities by Class reported detailed activities and profit and loss by class.

--Chantale Fieldhouse brought up an additional agenda item request. A resident has requested Keith Kurowski to relocate some picnic tables in the park to the vicinity of the playground.

--Spring Park Clean-up day is Saturday, April 27th. Eric Miller reported that he expected 5 to 10 FMSP member volunteers to attend and is also expecting to get a significant number of volunteers from the Rotary Club to help with clean-up and mulching. Glen Sweet has passed out a sign-up sheet to the Rotary Club. Rakes and other appropriate tools are needed, and wheelbarrows are on reserve for rental. Mike Dunn is scheduled to deliver mulch the day prior. The Park Clean-Up is being led by Eric Miller and Dick Sabo.

--At 3 p.m. on Arbor Day April 26th, the Borough will celebrate 30 years as a Tree City USA with a gathering at Barclay Park. A tree will also be planted in memory of the late James L’heureux to honor his many years of services to the community. West Chester University President Chris Fiorentino will address those attending this memorial tree planting. FMSP has been asked to post the flyer announcing the event with an email to all members.

--Jeff discussed the progress of the proposed playground equipment addition and landscaping. The cost of equipment suitable for toddlers will be as much as $43,344 plus installation costs which typically run about a third of the cost of the equipment. Grading, landscaping and new pathways in the area may bring the cost of the project to a little over $72,000. The Borough has made it clear that there is no money in the budget for this proposal. Jim Salvas and Lane Randall are hoping to find a willing donor to help with the costs. There’s not much optimism that FMSP could secure grant money. There was extended discussion on whether pathways and landscaping and fencing should necessarily be scheduled at the same time playground equipment is installed. Rich Ammons believes strongly that firm numbers
must be determined for the project and that it may be prudent to spread the project out over several years. Jeff believes it would be more cost effective and efficient to complete the project all at once.

Steps that need to be taken include a site survey, a final layout plan and a grading plan before any actual installation of the equipment occurs.

--The MSP Tree Management Plan is still being developed. Soil samples have been taken for analysis in order to determine proper tree treatments. It has been strongly suggested that picnic tables under a deteriorating oak tree be moved to a safer location in the park.

--Discussion took place regarding the cost and wording of a proposed sign at the base of the tree sculpture. Jeff approached Elmark Signs for ideas and costs. Jim Salvas offered to explore other less expensive options and will email attendees at the meeting with his findings.

--The Events Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th to begin planning the Fall Party.

--The Membership Committee members – Rick Ammons and Chantale Fieldhouse – will distribute brochures in our area to encourage FMSP membership sign-up.

--Jeff reported on the Jack Loew Fountain Committee. Restoring water flow to the fountain will occur after the landscaping is cleaned up, and the plumber and pool maintenance company perform the necessary work to turn on the fountain. Hopefully the fountain will be operating by the last week in April.

--The Summer Concerts planning is going well. The Side Bar has volunteered to provide two cooks for the picnics. This year the bands will be asked to sign contracts.

--Election of Officers and new board members took place. Holly Brown made a motion to approve the slate of officers and their initial terms of office as outlined in our By-Laws. Pat Loew seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Slate of Officers was as follows:

Jeff Beitel for President, for a term of 3 years
Jim Salvas for Vice-President for a term of 2 years
Linda Scott for Treasurer for a term of 1 year
Veronica Balassone for Recording Secretary for a term of 3 years
Lane Randall for Communications Secretary for a term of 2 years

Discussion followed that in actuality only 7 members were to be on the board, not 8 and also that the By-Laws only specified one office of Secretary. Lane indicated she would be willing to step aside as a board member and officer.

Holly Brown made a motion to revise the slate of officers to the four named in the By-Laws, which in effect removed the office of Communications Secretary. This was approved unanimously.

Three additional Board members were to be elected out of four nominees: Chantale Fieldhouse, Pat Loew, Anne Walters, Rick Ammons. Pat Loew asked that her name be withdrawn from the nominee list.
Jim Salvas moved that those present vote by acclimation for the four officers and three at-large board nominees left on the ballot. Holly Brown seconded and the slate was unanimously approved. The length of terms (3 years, 2 years, 1 year) will be decided amongst the three at-large board members and reported at the next meeting.

All terms will be dated from April 11, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Balassone, Recording Secretary